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SUBJECT: GENSCHER REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH SECRETARY

L. VAN WELL CALLED THE CHARGEAPRIL 20
ON INSTRUCTIONS OF GENSCHER TO DISCUSS WEEKEND ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR LONDON MEETING AND TO CONVEY REQUEST FROM
GENSCHER FOR BILATERAL MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY IN
LONDON OR, PREFERABLY FROM GERMAN VIEWPOINT, IN BONN
WHEN SECRETARY IS EN ROUTE FROM MOSCOW TO LONDON.

2. VAN WELL SAID THE FRG WOULD INFORM THE BRITISH
THAT IF THE MEETING OF MINISTERS TAKES PLACE, IT
SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY. THERE WOULD BE LITTLE
TIME ON MONDAY MORNING SINCE THE GERMAN PARTY WILL
HAVE TO LEAVE TOWN FOR CHEQUERS FOR BILATERAL SUMMIT
BY 10:15 (CHEQUERS MEETING IS
SCHEDULED TO BEGIN 11:30). GENSCHER IS PREPARED TO
ARRIVE AROUND DINNER TIME SUNDAY EVENING AND DEVOTE
THE REST OF THE EVENING TO THE MEETING. IF THERE WERE
NEED TO CARRY OVER TO MONDAY MORNING, DISCUSSION
WOULD HAVE TO BE SCHEDULED EARLY TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF
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FRG-BRITISH BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

3. VAN WELL ASKED THAT EMBASSY CONVEY GENSCHER'S
PERSONAL GREETINGS TO THE SECRETARY. HE SAID THAT THE
MINISTER WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO MEET WITH THE
SECRETARY TO CONTINUE THE GOOD BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS
THEY HAD RECENTLY, TO FOLLOW UP ON DEVELOPMENTS SINCE

THEN, AND TO DISCUSS THE FORTHCOMING BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN. VAN WELL SAID OF THE TWO POSSIBILITIES FOR A VANCE-GENSCHER MEETING THAT OCCURRED TO THEM -- EITHER IN LONDON OR ON THE SECRETARY'S WAY FROM MOSCOW TO LONDON -- THE FRG PREFERRED THE LATTER IF, OF COURSE, IT SUITED THE SECRETARY'S WISHES AND SCHEDULE IN LIGHT OF HIS MOSCOW VISIT. IF, AS THE FRG HOPED' THE SECRETARY FOUND IT POSSIBLE TO STOP IN BONN EN ROUTE TO LONDON, THE GERMANS WOULD TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT HE HAD ADEQUATE TIME TO REST. IF A BONN STOP-OVER WERE NOT POSSIBLE, AND WE AGREED TO A BILATERAL IN LONDON, THE FRG THOUGHT THEIR EMBASSY MIGHT BE A SUITABLE LOCATION BUT THEY WOULD DEFER TO THE SECRETARY'S WISHES.

4. VAN WELL ASKED THAT WE GET BACK TO THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH OUR RESPONSE. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

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